MINUTES

OF THE

EIGHTY-SECOND ANNUAL

SESSION

OF THE

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

OF REGULAR BAPTISTS

HELD WITH

Union Church

Wilkes County

September 29-30 — October 1, 1950

G. R. COX, Moderator ..... Thurmond, N. C.

CHARLIE MILES, Sec. and Treas. ..... Traphill, N. C.

The next session will convene with Round Mountain Church, near Hays, N. C., to commence on Friday at 11:00 A. M. before the first Sunday in October, 1951. Elder D. M. Dillard to preach the introductory sermon. Elder J. C. Harrold, Alternate.

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LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Adams, H. A. ..... R. 2, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

Barker, M. F. ..... Rt. 1, Roaring River, N. C.

Barker, W. D. ..... State Road, N. C.

Burcham, C. C. ..... R. 2, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

Cleary, D. O. ..... North Wilkesboro, N. C.

Cox, G. R. ..... Thurmond, N. C.

Dameron, Ivan ..... R. 1, Traphill, N. C.

Dillard, M. C. ..... Hays, N. C.

Dillard, D. M. ..... R. 1, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

Harrold, J. C. ..... R. 2, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

Harrold, R. F. ..... Hays, N. C.

Holbrook, Dewey ..... Winston-Salem, N. C.

Miles, Charlie ..... Traphill, N. C.

Sidden, A. C. ..... Joynes, N. C.

Walker, A. F. ..... Thurmond, N. C.

LICENTIATES

Billings, J. I. ..... Hays, N. C.

Byrd, Elton ..... R. 2, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

Hanks, McKinley ..... Springfield, N. C.

Holbrook, L. B. ..... R. 1, Traphill, N. C.

Spicer, J. M. ..... R. 1, Traphill, N. C.

Wagoner, Allen ..... McGrady, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS
of the
EIGHTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION
of the
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
of
REGULAR BAPTISTS

Convened with Union church, Wilkes County, N. C. September 29, 30 and October 1, 1950.

Opening song "Beautiful Hills of Galilee" "Children of the Heavenly King."

Service introduced by Elder Ruzy Harrold, reading 14th chapter of Job and leading in prayer.

Introductory Sermon by Elder M. F. Barker. Text: St. John 1:1.

Intermission 30 minutes.

Delegates reassembled in the house: Song "A Home in Heaven," "How Firm a Foundation."

Elder A. F. Walker read Revelation 22. Song, "In All My Lord's Appointed Ways." Prayer by Elder D. M. Dillard.

Called for associational letters. 16 were handed in and read by the clerk.

On motion elect Elder G. R. Cox, Moderator.

On motion elect Elder Charlie Miles, Clerk.

On motion invite correspondents of our faith and order to seats with us. Bro. C. S. McKnight, G. M. Tedder, G. M. Johnson, R. J. Tolliver, Brethren F. M. Joines, F. S. Delp, H. M. Joines, J. L. Moxley, R. L. Hendrix, Reece Bedsaul.

On motion we invite Transients and Visitors of our faith and order, Elder T. R. Collier, W. S. Akers, Brother W. W. Miles.

On motion we empower the Moderator to make all temporary appointments.

The following Committees were appointed. On Ministry:

(a) J. Q. Walker, G. M. Royall, B. C. Speaks.

(b) Finance, Elder M. F. Barker, J. C. Wilmoth, L. W. Wood.

(c) Arrangements, Elder A. C. Sidden, C. C. Burcham, D. M. Dillard, Ivan Dameron, R. F. Harrold.

On motion we invite Moderator, Clerk and Correspondents to sit with this committee.

(d) Obituaries, Claud Miles, A. R. Pardue, J. H. Stamper.

(f) Temperance, S. M. Golden, D. L. Holbrook, A. P. Harrold.

(g) Time, Place and Preacher, Carl Wood, H. W. Cox, Watson Durham.

(e) Resolutions, F. A. Norman, Curtis Johnson, G. F. Adams.

To write corresponding letter to Union Association, Elder Charlie Miles.

Committee on ministry report: For tonight, Elder G. M. Johnson, G. M. Tedder, M. C. Dillard.

For Saturday: Elder Ivan Dameron, J. C. Harrold, D. M. Dillard.

Report Received.

On motion adjourn until 10:00 a. m. tomorrow.

The Moderator called on Elder M. C. Dillard to close the association.

Song: "Awake My Soul in Joyful Lays."

Prayer by Elder Dillard.

Benediction by Elder T. R. Collier.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Service introduced by Elder G. M. Johnson, by reading the 6th chapter of Ephesians. Prayer by Elder Johnson.

First sermon by Elder G. M. Tedder. Text: St. Luke 10:20 "Rejoice that your names are written in Heaven."

Second sermon by Elder M. C. Dillard. Text: Genesis 22:8 "God Will Provide."

SATURDAY 10:00 A. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment of yesterday, association opened by Elder R. J. Tolliver, by reading 23 Psalm and offering prayer.

Association called to order by Moderator.

Called on Committee on Arrangements to report. On motion receive the report and discharge the brethren.

1. Called roll and marked absentees.

2. Extended an invitation to newly constituted churches, or any Regular Baptist church of our faith and order. None came.

3. Invited correspondents of our faith and order. None came.

4. Invited Transients and Visitors of our faith and order. Brother W. W. Miles of the Primitive association came forward and was seated.

5. Elected clerk, treasurer, instructed him to have 1,000 copies of this minute printed and distribute according to contribution and he to have $20.00 for his service.

6. Called on Committee on Temperance to report. They report:

We your committee on Temperance, beg to submit the following: Whereas temperance is having one's appetite and passion under control and is one of the christian graces spoken of in the Bible,

we therefore urge all our brethren and sisters to be temperate in all things that might border on or be construed to be evil.

D. L. HOLBROOK
S. M. GOLDEN
A. P. HARROLD, Committee

Report received.

7. Called on Committee on Obituaries to report. They report 14 handed in. Report received and obituaries ordered printed.

CLAUD MILES
A. R. PARDUE
J. H. STAMPER, Committee

8. Called on Committee on Resolutions to report. They report:

We your committee on Resolutions submit the following:

(1) We thank God that through His mercy we have met again.

(2) We appreciate the presence of the corresponding and visiting brethren, and ask God to bless them according to His will.

(3) That we extend a hearty welcome to all christians that they may visit us from time to time.

(4) That we advise our laity to read their Bibles, take the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God, that they might be able to help bring some to Christ.

(5) That we advise our churches to help their pastors with the sympathy that buys bread and shoes.

(6) That we thank the brethren, sisters and kind friends of this community, for their hospitality during this session and Almighty God for his manifold blessings during the past year.

F. A. NORMAN
CURTIS JOHNSON
G. F. ADAMS, Committee

Report received.

9. Called on Committee on Ministry to report. They report: For Saturday 2:00 p. m. To open, Reece Bedsaul, 2nd. Elder A. C. Sidden, 3rd. Elder Charlie Miles. For Saturday night, 1st. Elder M. C. Dillard, 2nd. Elder R. J. Toliver, 3rd. Elder R. F. Harrold. For Sunday, to open, Elder A. F. Walker, 2nd, Elder T. R. Collier, 3rd, Elder W. S. Akers, 4th, Moderator to close.

J. Q. WALKER
G. M. ROYALL
B. C. SPEAKS, Committee

Report received.

10. Called for corresponding letter to the Union Association and appointed correspondents as follows:

Elders: M. C. Dillard, D. M. Dillard, Ivan Dameron, G. R. Cox, Charlie Miles and J. C. Harrold.

Brethren T. N. Royall. On Motion letter received.

11. Called on Correspondents of last year to report. Elders G. R. Cox, Ivan Dameron and Charlie Miles. Brethren T. N. Royall and G. M. Royall report having attended the Union Association at New Life church. And found the brethren in peace. They were each welcomed and enjoyed the visit.

On motion receive their report and excuse those who failed to go.

12. Called on Committee on Finance to report. They reported: Received from churches $122.06.

M. F. BARKER
L. W. WOOD
J. C. WILMOTH, Committee

Report received.

13. Called on Treasurer of last year to report. He reported:

Balance in hand of Treasurer from 1949	$ 78.26	
Received from Finance Committee 1949	$113.10	
Total		$191.36
Paid for printing minutes	$90.00	
Clerk fees	$20.00	
Total		$111.00
Balance due the Association	$80.36	

CHARLIE MILES, Treasurer, 1949

Report received.

14. Called on Committee on Time, Place and Preacher to report. They report: We as your committee on Time, Place and Preacher, report, Place, Round Mountain Church; Time, Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1951; To preach the introductory sermon, Elder Monroe Dillard, Alternate, Elder James C. Harrold.

WATSON DURHAM
H. W. COX
CARD WOOD, Committee

Report received.

15. Inquire into non-representation of church: Satisfactory explanation made by the brethren.

16. On motion instruct the clerk to have our present Historical Table printed and extend the same to include the present session.

17. On motion receive the report submitted by the Committee on Arrangements as follows:

"Whereas the constitution directs the association to act as advisory council: We your Committee on Arrangements humbly submit the following for the consideration of this association: Whereas there are existing today many new and we consider unsound doctrines being preached. We therefore urge all of our beloved churches to call only men of the Regular Baptist faith as their pastors."

A. C. SIDDEN
C. C. BURCHAM
R. F. HARROLD
D. M. DILLARD
IVAN DAMERON, Committee

18. On motion dispense with reading minutes.

19. Inquire for other business. None.

20. On motion adjourn at the close of preaching service, to time and place of our next session.

Prayer by Brother C. S. McKnight.

A song and handshake amid shouts and a demonstration of the Holy Spirit, marked the peaceful closing of the Eighty Second session of this association.

Benediction by Elder Charlie Miles.

ELDER G. R. COX, Moderator
ELDER CHARLIE MILES, Clerk

SATURDAY, 11:30 A. M.

Service introduced by Elder Ivan Dameron by reading Zechariah 3-1 to 5 making some timely remarks and offering prayer.

2nd. Reece Bedsaul, Text Galatians 6:17.

3rd. Elder J. C. Harrold, Text Revelation 15:3.

4th. Elder D. M. Dillard, Text: Psalms 11:3.

5th. Elder A. C. Sidden, Text: St. John 4:23.

6th. Elder Charlie Miles, Text: Isiah 1:18.

SATURDAY NIGHT, 7:00 P. M.

Service opened by Elder C. C. Burcham reading 2nd. chapter of 1st. John and offering prayer.

1st. Sermon by Elder R. J. Toliver, Text: Ezekiel 33:7 "Hear the word at my mouth and warn them from me."

2nd. Elder T. R. Collier, Text: James 1:25.

SUNDAY, 10:30 A. M.

Song Service 15 minutes.

Service opened by Elder A. F. Walker, by reading some verses from 1st. Corinthians, 3rd. chapter, lined Hymn No. 185, and offering prayer.

1st. Sermon by Elder T. R. Collier, Text: 1st. Corinthians 12:27.

2nd. Sermon by Elder W. S. Akers, Text Psalms 125:1.

3rd. Sermon by Elder G. R. Cox, Text: 1st. Corinthians 13:13.

Song and handshake.

Benediction by Elder John Adams.

ROLL OF DELEGATES

ANTIOCH — T. N. Royal, Lonnie Perry.

AUSTIN — B. C. Speaks, G. R. Cox, Ivan Dameron, Jack Spicer, Watson Durham.

BETHANY — M. A. Blackburn, Luther Wood, Glenn Wood, Noah Blackburn, L. W. Wood.

CENTER — D. M. Dillard, G. F. Adams.

DOUBLE CREEK — D. L. Holbrook, R. M. Wyatt, A. M. Holbrook.

LIBERTY KNOB — J. N. Royal, Clay Royal, Will Wood, G. M. Royal, F. A. Royal.

MINING RIDGE — W. D. Barker, B. F. Norman, S. M. Golden.

MOUNTAIN VALLEY — J. H. Stamper, D. S. Orsborne, C. A. Stamper.

NEW COVENANT — T. A. Miles, M. C. Dillard, Claud Miles.

OAK LEVEL — Robert Barker, J. M. Cockerham, Ancel Gentry, D. C. Gentry, M. F. Barker.

RACHAEL — Curtis Johnson, Carl Wood.

ROARING RIVER — J. Q. Walker, A. C. Sidden, J. H. Holbrook, C. C. Sidden.

ROUND HILL — A. R. Pardue, Claud Billings.

ROUND MOUNTAIN — C. C. Burcham, J. S. Roupe, J. I. Billings, J. T. Felts, Charlie Grimes.

UNION — Charlie Miles, H. W. Cox, F. A. Norman, C. F. Sidden, Edd Sidden.

UNION HILL — A. F. Walker, J. H. Norman, J. C. Wilmoth, L. B. Norman, Garfield Norman.

ZION — A. P. Harrold, R. F. Harrold.

OBITUARIES

BROWN

Elder Daniel Harden Brown, (son of the late Andrew Jackson and Sally Brown) born January 30, 1886. Died June 5, 1950. Age 64 years, 4 months, 6 days.

Married to Maude Smoot, December 13, 1908. To this union was born four children, two boys, Earnest, who preceded him in death, January 15. 1944. Wilmer Brown of Traphill, Darley Ethel Brown, who died May 26, 1911, Grace Brown McGrady, Traphill, N. C.

He has 11 sisters and three brothers, all living, nine grandchildren, who with unnumbered friends mourn his untimely passing.

He professed a hope in Christ in his teens and united with Stone Mountain church, later moved to Charity, later became a constitutional member of Austin Regular Baptist church.

Was ordained to the Ministry about 1928, and served as pastor of a number of churches.

He was interested in Sunday School work from early life, served as teacher, superintendent or choir leader in several churches.

His voice, now silent, no longer fills,
His beloved church, or native hills,
His cheery smile and tender speech,
Is now beyond our earthly reach.

No earthly pain can reach his form,
Nor will he dread the approaching storm,
But with sad hearts, and solemn face,
We'll see in church his vacant place.

May we resolve, with faith in God,
To closely walk as saints have trod.
So when we pass out one by one,
We each may hear from Him "well done."

BROOKS

Larkin Franklin Brooks, son of the late John Brooks and Sarah Jane Gilreath Brooks, born October 19, 1886. Died June 10, 1950. Age 63 years, 7 months, 22 days.

Married to Ota Hincher. To this union was born eight children, four boys, Paul, Earl, James and John Franklin, all of Thurmond, N. C. Four girls, Mrs. Annie Holbrook, Traphill, N. C.; Mrs. Janie Burchette, of New Jersey; Mrs. Edna Caudill and Mrs. Izzie Brooks of Thurmond, N. C.; 14 grandchildren; one brother, Arthur Brooks, White Head, N. C.

He professed a hope in Christ in early life and united with Roaring River Baptist church.

Without a struggle or warning breath,
He quickly, quietly fell.
We too must meet approaching death,
Just when we can not tell.

If unprepared we dare to live,
We unprepared must go,
Now life to us our God will give,
Because He loved us so.

Then children dear, who are so near,
To Christ most humbly bow,
Please do not wait, until too late,
There is no time but NOW.

WALTER LEONARD WYATT

Walter Leonard Wyatt, son of the late Leonard and Sallie Absher Wyatt, was born August 23, 1865. Died March 20, 1950, at his home at Halls Mills, N. C., being 84 years, 6 months, and 25 days of age.

On February 13, 1887 he was married to Miss Nannie Teague, and to this union was born eight children: seven of which are still living; they are as follows:

Mrs. D. O. Cleary, North Wilkesboro, N. C.; Mrs. G. C. Roope, Route 1, Wilkesboro, N. C.; R. M. Wyatt, Abshers, N. C.; Mrs. M. M. Brown, North Fork, West Virginia; Mrs. I. M. Reeves, Iron Gate, Virginia; A. W. Wyatt, Seat Pleasant, Md.; Mrs. Com Walker, Worth, West Virginia.

His wife preceded him in death on July 29, 1913. Also one daughter, Miss Sophronia Wyatt preceded him in death on April 23, 1931.

On June 19, 1915, he was married to Miss Sarah Haynes, and to this union was born three children: Mrs. Charlie Lowry, Charlotte, N. C.; Mrs. H. B. Farrington, McGrady, N. C.; Glenn Wyatt, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

He is survived by his wife, ten children, a number of grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; and three sisters: Mrs. Wiley Shumate, Dehart, N. C.; Mrs. Thomas Shumate, Route 1, North Wilkesboro, N. C.; Mrs. Octavo Myers, Winston-Salem, N. C.

He professed a hope in Christ, and joined Fairview Baptist Church, about 1908; he later moved his membership to Center Baptist Church, where he remained a member until death. He was an active member as long as his health permitted; he served as Church Clerk while he was a member of Fairview Baptist Church.

He was a kind husband, a loving father, and a good neighbor, and was loved by all who knew him.

Funeral services were held at Center Baptist Church, in charge

of the pastor, Rev. D. M. Dillard, and assisted by Rev. Arthur Gambill. Burial was in the family cemetery at Halls Mills, N. C.

Written by a son-in-law ELDER I. M. REEVES

BROWN

Sarah Elizabeth Adams Brown, daughter of the late F. M. and Emily Tinsley Adams, was born December 31, 1870, and died March 25, 1949, being 79 years, two months and 25 days old.

She was married in early life to Nathaniel A. Brown, who preceded her in death, in 1898. To this union was born three children: C. M. Brown and Mrs. I. F. Elledge of North Wilkesboro, N. C., Route 1, and Mrs. J. S. Caudill of North Wilkesboro, N. C. She is also survived by one brother, J. C. Adams of North Wilkesboro, Route 1, N. C.

Mrs. Brown joined Baptist Home Church in July 1912, and later moved her membership to Center Baptist Church, where she remained a faithful member till death.

Farewell dear children and grandchildren, to me you were dear;
No more I will lead, while you stay here;
But for me, do not weep, lament or sigh;
Meet me in Heaven, in the Sweet By and By.

CHARLIE McCANN

Brother Charlie McCann, son of the late Nuton and Thursie McCann, died May 2, 1949. Age 83 years, five months and 27 days.

He was united in the bonds of holy matrimony with Mrs. Mary Wilcox, on November 10, 1884. To this union was born eight children: seven which are living, one dead. The living are Clinard and Albert McCann of Thurmond, N. C., Glenn McCann of Winston-Salem, N. C., Avery McCann of Reidsville, N. C. The girls are Mrs. Thursie Pettyjohn of State Road, N. C., Mrs. Tom Caudle of Thurmond, N. C., Mrs. Ernest Norman of Leaksville, N. C. He had four brothers, N. P. McCann of Ohio, Rubin, Guynn, and Chat of Mountain Park, N. C., three sisters, Mrs. Ellen Easter, Mrs. Birty Wolfe and Mrs. Cary Brooks. 19 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

He professed a hope in Christ 50 years ago. He joined a Primitive Baptist Church in Virginia. Later he came back to North Carolina and after attending the meetings at Union Hill Regular Baptist Church, he and his wife got their letters from the church in Virginia and joined Union Hill Regular Baptist Church. He was a member of same at the time of his passing. He was elected Clerk and served faithful for 15 years. He attended his meetings and the Associations regular. He believed in Salvation by Grace, and Grace only. He was not able to attend the last two meetings at his church. His funeral was held in his church, (Union Hill) by Elders A. F. Walker and Cleo Crouse. He was buried in the church cemetery.

He leaves his aged wife, children and relatives. A host of friends and neighbors mourning their loss. We miss him at the church; also he is missed by the community and his neighbors. Our loss is great. To part with our loved ones, but we must say Thy will be done. A good man showeth favor and lendeth, He will guide His affairs with discretion.

Psalms 112-5

By request A. F. WALKER

ROYAL

Sidney Stokes Royal, born July 17, 1882. Died August 27, 1950. Making his stay on earth 68 years, 1 month, 10 days.

Married to Millie Wagoner in the year 1900. To this union was born 11 children, three living, seven dead. The living are John Royall, Mrs. Loura Perry, Noah Royall and 21 grandchildren.

He joined the church in early life. Lived a christian life and was loved by all who knew him.

A place is vacant in our home which can never be filled.

BARKER

Susie Handy Barker, daughter of the late Samuel Handy and Nancy Adams Handy. Born September 19, 1885. Died November 13, 1949. Making her stay on earth 64 years, 1 month, 24 days.

She professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined Pleasant Home Baptist church, later moved her membership to Oak Level church, where she remained a faithful member until death.

Married to Tyra D. Barker, September 13, 1908, who preceded her in death eight months. To this union was born five children: James Roy Barker, deceased; Mrs. Alton Carter, Benham, N. C.; Mrs. Claud Brooks, Denver, and Robert Barker, Roaring River, N. C. She is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Winnie Darnell, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

She was a devoted wife, a loving mother and was loved by all who knew her. We believe our loss is Heaven's eternal gain.

PERRY

Delmert B. Perry, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Perry, born April 16, 1928. Died March 19, 1950. Age 21 years, 11 months, 3 days.

He professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined Antioch Church, baptized by Elders Bullis and Franklin Royal, and lived a faithful member until death.

He leaves his father, mother and one brother and one sister to mourn their loss. He was a good boy and was loved by all who knew him.

Our son gone but not forgotten.

Written by his uncle LONNIE PERRY

SHUMATE

Roxie B. Shumate, born June 5, 1875. Died January 18, 1950. The daughter of J. C. and Clementine Billings. In the year of 1900 she was married to Silas M. Shumate, who survives her. To this union was born seven children.

She professed faith in Christ and joined Rock Springs church in young womanhood. In 1913 she joined Round Mountain church, where she remained a loyal member until death.

Surviving her are the following: Mrs. H. S. Powell, Mrs. Judson Yale, Walter Shumate and Mrs. William V. Pendry. Ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Preceding her in death were three sons: Major, Clarence and John Shumate.

She was a good wife, mother and neighbor, she loved her church, home and community as only a true Christian can.

HANDY

Elder W. R. Handy, born October 7, 1867. Died April 27, 1950. Married to Julia Ann Gregory. To this union was born three children. His wife and two children preceded him in death.

He made a profession and joined Cane Creek church, December 26, 1907. He was ordained as deacon, Saturday, May 3, 1908. Later moved his membership to Bethany Baptist church. Was ordained to the ministry the fourth Saturday in February, 1939. He joined Round Mountain church by letter March 4, 1944, and remained a faithful member until death.

He leaves one son, Milo Handy and eight grandchildren to mourn their loss and a host of relatives and friends.

He was a kind father and was loved by all who knew him. He was a man who obeyed the Golden Rule. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

ELLEDGE

Louis Otha Elledge, son of the late Alfred Elledge and Elizabeth Rhoades Elledge. Born June 23, 1866, in Wilkes county, and departed this life July 9, 1949. Making his stay here 83 years. Married to Elizabeth McGrady in August, 1892. To this union was born six children, all living, 16 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

In early life he professed a hope in Christ and joined Center Baptist church where he remained a faithful and loyal member for 53 years. He lived a devoted christian life and often spoke to others about the love of Jesus. He was a member of the Masonic Order for 58 years.

There'll be no shadows in Heaven
No cares to darken the way,
God's face with light will be shining,
Throughout that eternal day.

'Twill all be joy up in Heaven,
Beautiful city of gold,
Contentment reigneth eternal,
The half has ne'er yet been told.

There'll be no weeping in Heaven,
No sorrow ever can come,
God's hand all tear drops will banish,
In Heaven our home sweet home.

There'll be no parting in Heaven,
Nor time and space count no more,
God's love will there reunite us,
With dear ones who have gone before.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I.. This Association shall be known by the name of Primitive Baptist Association, and shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and duly sent to represent in the Association; who on producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to the seats. Each church shall be entitled to five delegates. In their letters is to be expressed their number in full fellowship, baptized, received by letter, by application and good recommendation, dismissed by letter, excluded, and dead since last Association.

2. The number thus chosen and convened shall have no power to Lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any internal right over any church in her union.

3. The Association when convened shall be governed by a regular decorum.

4. The Association shall have a Moderator and Secretary, who shall be chosen annually by a majority of the votes of the members present, a majority of the churches being represented.

5. New churches of any regular Baptist church of Jesus Christ of our Faith and Order in good standing, either dismissed by letter from Sister Associations, or by application and good recommendation, by sending up letter and delegates shall be admitted into the union.

6. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

7. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

8. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of its proceedings, the best method of accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Association.

9. We think it necessary to have an association fund to defray the expenses of the Association, and it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums as they think proper to the Association, and those moneys shall be deposited in the hands of a Treasurer who will be accountable to the Association for the same, and the Association shall appropriate the money thus contributed to any purpose they may think proper.

10. There shall be an Association book wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by a Secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a reasonable compensation for his services.

11. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.

12. Amendment to this form of Government may be made at any time, by a majority of the Association, when they may deem it expedient, by giving the churches twelve months' notice.

13. The Association shall act as advisory council and shall endeavor to preserve a general union of the churches, and also preserve a chain of communion among the churches and give advice in matters of difficulty.

14. The Association shall inquire into the cause if any church fails to represent at any time in the Association.

15. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in her union that shall violate the rules of this Constitution or deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

16. The Association may correspond with Sister Associations and, invite any brother in the ministry in good standing or that can bring a good recommendation of his standing who may be of our faith and order to a seat in the Association, who may be present at the time of its sitting.

17. The Association shall have power to adjourn to any future time or place it may think proper.

18. The benevolent institutions of the day shall be no bar nor test to fellowship, but all shall be free to sustain or not sustain the same as they may choose.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at the same time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

3. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator, until he is done speaking.

4. He shall strictly adhere to his subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who speaks before, by making remarks on his slips, failings, or imperfections, but shall fairly state the matter as clearly as he can, so as to convey his light or idea.

5. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association, without liberty obtained from the body, for his absence.

6. No person shall speak more than three times on one subject, without liberty obtained from the Association.

7. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in time of public speech.

8. No member of the Association shall address another by any other appellation than that of Brother.

9. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member, nor prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he violates the Rules of Decorum.

10. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Secretary and called over as often as the Association requires.

11. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided, then he may give the casting vote.

12. Any member who shall wilfully and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association, as shall be deemed proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one only true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are One.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word of God, and the only rule of Faith and Practice.

3 We believe in the doctrine of Election by Grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin, and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and that all who are thus regenerated and born again by the spirit of God, shall never finally fall away.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper and Feet Washing are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and we believe the only true mode of Baptism is by immersion.

8. We believe in the Resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinance of the Gospel, except such as the regularly called, and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	Ordained Ministers	Licentuates	Sat. of Ch. Meeting	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Application	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Members	Contributions	Time of Communion Meeting
Antioch	R. J. Toliver, Virgil-Jenkins	Lonnie Perry, McGrady		1	1						4	1	41	$ 4.00	Sept.
Austin	G. R. Cox, Ivan Dameron	B. C. Speaks, R. 1, Traphill	2		1	4	2			3		1	76	10.00	July
Bethany	Hillery Blevins	Curtis Wood, R. 2, N. Wilkesboro		1	4		3			5	1	3	118	10.00	July
Center	D. M. Dillard	Elmer Barlowe, R. 1, N. Wilkesboro	2		1	5						1	154	5.50	Aug.
Double Creek	Arthur Gambill, R. F. Harrold	A. M. Holbrook, Abshers			2	1				3			50	5.25	Aug.
Liberty Knob	A. F. Walker, Cleo Crouse	J. N. Royal, Roaring Gap			3					1			45	8.00	Aug.
Mining Ridge	G. R. Cox, Ivan Dameron Arthur Gambill	W. D. Barker, State Road	1		2	2	2						28	3.61	Aug.
Mountain Valley	Uriah Hanks, R. F. Harrold	J. H. Stamper, McGrady			1	2							81	5.00	Aug.
New Covenant	Ernest Blevins, M. C. Dillard	T. A. Miles, Hays	1		3	2				3	1		120	7.00	Aug.
Oak Level	M. F. Barker Charlie Miles	Robert Barker, Roaring River	1	1	3	17	2			2		1	105	10.00	Aug.
Rachael	L. E. Sparks, John Burcham	Curtis Johnson, Roaring River			1	4				3	1		171	8.80	Aug.
Roaring River	A. C. Sidden, Ivan Dameron	R. A. Sidden, Joynes	1	2	4	12						2	133	14.05	July
Round Hill	L. E. Sparks	A. R. Pardue, Traphill	1		2		2			2		3	112	3.25	Aug.
Round Mountain	A. C. Sidden, M. C. Dillard	J. C. Felts, Hays	3	1	1					2	1	2	76	7.00	Aug.
Union	Charlie Miles	John R. Royal, Thurmond	1		2		1						44	8.00	July
Union Hill	A. F. Walker, Cleo Crouse John Adams	J. H. Norman, Mtn. Park	1		1					2			42	6.60	Sept.
Zion	J. T. Hendrix, R. F. Harrold	A. J. Harrold, Hays	1		4		1			2		1	74	6.00	Aug.
		TOTALS	15	6		49	13			28	8	15	1470	$122.06	

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENT	SECRETARY	No. Teachers	No. Enrolled	Average Attendance	Months Kept Open
Austin	B. C. Speaks	Pauline Simmons	4	94	70	12
Bethany	Glenn Wood	Ennice Wood	4	64	40	12
Center	Horace Reavis	Rosa Lee Shumate	6	71	55	12
Double Creek	D. L. Holbrook	Francis Foster	3	15	12	6
Mining Ridge	B. F. Norman	Barbe Walls	3	40	25	12
New Covenant	J. G. Miles	Lucile Baldwin	4	75	40	9
Oak Level	Alton Carter	Lura West	6	90	60	12
Rachael	Curtis Johnson	Bonnie Ree Howard	4	70	39	12
Round Hill	Ray Pardue	Eddie Holbrook	3	54	36	6
Round Mountain	J. I. Billings	Jessie Brown	3	60	30	12
Union	Ted Church	H. W. Cox	4	68	38	12
		TOTAL	44	701	41	11

RECORD OF PREVIOUS SESSIONS OF ASSOCIATION

No. of Session	CHURCH AT WHICH HELD	MODERATOR	CLERK	CHURCHES RECEIVED OR DISMISSED AND HOW RECEIVED OR DISMISSED	No. Churches Represented
Orgzn.	Roaring River	Wm. J. Combs	Leander Johnson	White Oak, Roaring River, New Covenant	3
1869— 1	New Covenant	Wm. J. Combs	Wm. Myers	R. L. Rachel, R. L. Bethany, R. L. Zion	6
1870— 2	Rachel	Wm. J. Combs	Wm. Myers		6
1871— 3	Fishing Creek	Wm. J. Combs	Wm. Myers		7
1872— 4	White Oak	Wm. J. Combs	Wm. Myers	R. L., A? Antioch	7
1873— 5	Zion	Wm. J. Combs	W. F. Porter		6
1874— 6	Bethany	Wm. J. Combs	W. F. Porter	R. L. Liberty Grove	7?
1875— 7	Roaring River	Wm. J. Combs	J. S. Holbrook		8
1876— 8	Liberty Grove	Wm. J. Combs	J. S. Holbrook		8
1877— 9	New Covenant	Wm. J. Combs	J. S. Holbrook		8
1878—10	Rachel	Wm. J. Combs	J. S. Holbrook		8
1879—11	White Oak	Wm. J. Combs	J. S. Holbrook		6
1880—12	Roaring River	Wm. J. Combs	J. S. Holbrook	D. L. Fishing Creek	6
1881—13	Zion	Wm. J. Combs	J. S. Holbrook	R. L. Walnut Grove, R. A. Dehart	8
1882—14	New Covenant	Wm. J. Combs	J. S. Holbrook		8
1883—15	Walnut Grove	Wm. J. Combs	J. S. Holbrook		8
1884—16	Liberty Grove	Wm. J. Combs	J. S. Holbrook	R. L. Liberty Knob	8
1885—17	Roaring River	Wm. J. Combs	J. S. Holbrook	R. L. Shady Grove, R. L. Round Mountain	11
1886—18	Dehart	Wm. J. Combs	J. S. Holbrook	R. L. Bethany	11
1887—19	Rachel	Wm. Miles	W. W. Myers	R. L. Bethel	12
1888—20	White Oak	Wm. Miles	W. W. Myers	R. L. Piney Grove, R. L. Round Hill	14
1889—21	Round Mountain	Wm. Miles	W. W. Myers	R. L. Landmark	15
1890—22	Round Hill	Wm. Miles	J. M. Harrold	R. Oak Level	16
1891—23	Zion	Wm. Miles	J. M. Harrold	R. Elkin Valley, D. L. Dehart, D. L. New Covenant	16
1892—24	Liberty Knob	Wm. Miles	J. M. Owens		14
1893—25	Oak Level	Wm. Miles	J. M. Owens	D. L. Landmark	14
1894—26	Elkin Valley	Wm. Miles	J. H. Johnson	D. L. Walnut Grove	12
1895—27	Roaring River	Wm. Miles	J. H. Johnson	R. L. Friendship, D. L. Bethel	12
1896—28	Bethany	Eli Sebastian	J. H. Johnson		11

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No. of Session	CHURCH AT WHICH HELD	MODERATOR	CLERK	CHURCHES RECEIVED OR DISMISSED AND HOW RECEIVED OR DISMISSED	No. Churches Represented
1897—29	Round Mountain	Eli Sebastian	G. W. Miles	R. L. Cane Creek	11
1898—30	Rachel	Eli Sebastian	G. W. Miles	R. L. Fair View, Pleasant Grove and Center united by Application, Bethel by Letter	12
1899—31	Friendship	Wm. Miles	G. W. Miles	R. L. Garden Creek	16
1900—32	Bethel	Wm. Miles	G. W. Miles		16
1901—33	Round Hill	Wm. Miles	J. M. Owens	R. L. Oak Grove	17
1902—34	Oak Grove	Eli Sebastian	G. W. Miles		16
1903—35	Center	J. M. Owens	G. W. Miles	R. L. Union Cross The following churches were dismissed to organize a new Association in Surry Co.: Oak Grove, Friendship, Elkin Valley, Union Cross and White Oak	18
1904—36	Liberty Knob	Wm. Miles	G. W. Miles		14
1905—37	Zion	J. M. Owens	G. W. Miles		14
1906—38	Round Hill	J. M. Owens	G. W. Miles		14
1907—39	Oak Level	J. M. Owens	G. W. Miles		14
1908—40	Rachel	J. M. Owens	H. H. Jennings	White Oak ?	11-13
1909—41	Roaring River	J. M. Owens	L. D. Lowe		13
1910—42	Round Mountain	Eli Sebastian	G. W. Miles	D. L. Bethel	13
1911—43	Center	Eli Sebastian	G. W. Miles		12
1912—44	Bethany	Eli Sebastian	G. W. Miles		12
1913—45	Zion	Eli Sebastian	J. M. Owens		11-12
1914—46	Roaring River	Eli Sebastian	G. W. Miles		12
1915—47	Liberty Knob	Wm. Miles	G. W. Miles	By Application and Letter, New Covenant	13
1916—48	Oak Level	G. W. Miles	C. E. Dimmette	R. L. Double Creek	12-13
1917—49	Rachel	G. W. Miles	C. E. Dimmette		14
1918—50	Round Hill	G. W. Miles	C. E. Dimmette	Association called in on account of influenza	
1919—51	Rachel	G. W. Miles	C. E. Dimmette		13
1920—52	Double Creek	G. W. Miles	A. C. Sidden	R. L. Friendship	15

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No. of Session	CHURCH AT WHICH HELD	MODERATOR	CLERK	CHURCHES RECEIVED OR DISMISSED AND HOW RECEIVED OR DISMISSED	No. Churches Represented
1921—53	Cane Creek	G. W. Miles	A. C. Sidden	Friendship dropped	15
1922—54	New Covenant	G. W. Miles	A. C. Sidden	R. L. Antioch	15
1923—55	Roaring River	G. W. Miles	A. C. Sidden		14
1924—56	Center	G. W. Miles	A. C. Sidden		15
1925—57	Round Mountain	G. W. Miles	C. C. Sidden	R. L. Union; Fair View dissolved	15
1926—58	Garden Creek	G. W. Miles	C. C. Sidden		15
1927—59	Oak Level	G. W. Miles	C. C. Sidden		14
1928—60	Union	G. W. Miles	C. C. Sidden	R. Austin by Letter, newly constituted	15
1929—61	Bethany	G. W. Miles	C. C. Sidden		15
1930—62	Zion	G. W. Miles	C. C. Sidden	R. Union Hill by Letter	17
1931—63	Union Hill	G. W. Miles	C. C. Sidden		17
1932—64	Austin	G. W. Miles	C. C. Sidden	R. L. Mining Ridge from Mitchell River	18
1933—65	Rachel	G. W. Miles	C. C. Sidden		18
1934—66	Round Hill	G. W. Miles	C. C. Sidden	Mountain Valley, newly constituted	19
1935—67	Double Creek	G. W. Miles	C. C. Sidden		19
1936—68	New Covenant	G. W. Miles	C. C. Sidden		18
1937—69	Roaring River	G. W. Miles	C. C. Sidden	Cane Creek withdrawn from	17
1938—70	Bethany	G. W. Miles	A. C. Sidden		18
1939—71	Center	G. W. Miles	A. C. Sidden		18
1940—72	Liberty Knob	D. M. Dillard	A. C. Sidden		17
1941—73	Mining Ridge	D. M. Dillard	A. C. Sidden		17
1942—74	Round Mountain	Charlie Miles	A. C. Sidden	Mt. Zion, A. L.	18
1943—75	Rachael	Charlie Miles	A. C. Sidden		18
1944—76	Oak Level	Charlie Miles	A. C. Sidden		18
1945—77	Union Hill	Charlie Miles	A. C. Sidden		18
1946—78	Austin	A. C. Sidden	Charlie Miles		18
1947—79	Mtn. Valley	A. C. Sidden	Charlie Miles		17
1948—80	Double Creek	A. F. Walker	Charlie Miles		17
1949—81	Roaring River	A. F. Walker	Charlie Miles		17
1950—82	Union	G. R. Cox	Charlie Miles		17

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